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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Brian A. Vaartstra et al.) Group Art Unit: 2815
Serial No.: 09/603,132) Examiner: Eugene Lee
Confirmation No.: 3538) Docket No. 150.0065 0102
Filed: 23 June 2000)
For: DEVICE STRUCTURES INCLUDING RUTHENIUM SILICIDE
DIFFUSION BARRIER LAYERS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed 14 September 2001. Applicant filed a reply on 14 November 2001 within two months of the 14 September 2001 mailing date of the final action. However, an Advisory Action was not mailed until 14 January 2002 well after the three-month shortened statutory period. Therefore, the shortened statutory period expired on the date of the Advisory Action, which was 14 January 2002. Therefore, extension fees are to be calculated from the mailing date of the Advisory Action. As such a one month extension extends the date on which the period of the response is set to expire from 14 January 2002 (mailing date of the Advisory Action) to 14 February 2002.

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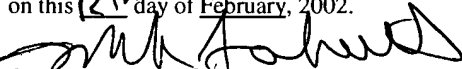
Our check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.

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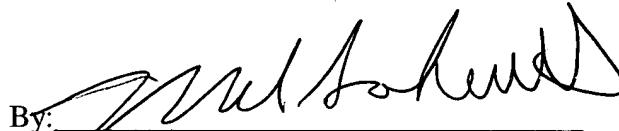
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